

SRI K. PUTTASWAMY.—I would like to know whether Hotel Metropole is a five-star or three-star hotel. The K.R.S. Hotel is a small hotel which is expected to cater to the needs of the common man there. This being so, what is the object in calling for tenders only from five-star hotels? Is it to minimise competition?

SRI M. MOHAMMED ALI.—The purpose was to give a very high standard of catering because in these hotels mostly foreigners come and stay. These hotels have to mostly keep in view the requirements of foreigners who come. That is the reason why gradation of hotels has been done by the Government of India to encourage foreign tourism.

MADAM SPEAKER.—Question Hour is over.

**Questions for Answers on the Day
but not taken (up)**

**Misappropriation of funds by the Chairman, of DPP
Co-operative Society of Itagi Village.**

536. **SRI K. B. KOLIWAD (Ranibennur).**—Will the minister for Co-operation be pleased to state :—

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the Chairman of D. P. P. Co-operative Society of Itagi village in Ranibennur taluk has misappropriated the funds of the said society;
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter :
- (c) the amount misappropriated ?

SHRI K. H. RANGANATH (Minister for Co-operation).—

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The Administrator of the Society has been directed to lodge a criminal complaint and also to file arbitration case on the Ex-Chairman and Ex-Secretary of the Society.
- (c) Rs. 13,068-31.

Rig wells in Tumkur

409. **SRI ANDANAI AH (Kunigal).**—Will the Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj be pleased to state :—

- (a) the number of Rig wells installed in Tumkur District (Drinking Water Wells);
- (b) the names of firms and agencies approved by the Stores Purchase Committee for purchase of hand pumps;
- (c) the cost of each Rig well including hand pump?